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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 3744

Application No.: 10/785,075

Examiner: M. NORMAN

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For: THERMOSTAT ABNORMAL STATE DETECTING APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the July 13, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability regarding claims 3-6, 8, 9, 13-16, 18 and 19. These claims are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. The remaining claims are also allowable for at least the reasons discussed below.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 7, 10-12, 17 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0050063 to Niki. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Regarding claims 1 and 11, the Office Action asserts that Niki discloses, among other features, wherein abnormal state testing is conducted when detected cooling water temperature TW is within a predetermined range on the basis of the detected temperature and